



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BA specialising in Visual Studies (01130133)

Department School of the Arts

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 368

NQF level 07

Programme information

With the increasing importance of the visual medium in the communications and cultural media, informed interaction with all forms of visual culture has become imperative. This programme aims to promote visual literacy by offering instruction in the analysis, interpretation and evaluation of various aspects of visual culture, in both an historical and contemporary context.

Closing date for applications: 30 September annually.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2025

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here for this Faculty Brochure](#).

Minimum requirements		
Achievement level		
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS (Grade 11)	APS (NSC/IEB completed)
5	30	28

* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC/IEB.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2025: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), available at [click here](#).



International students: [Click here.](#)

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

Note:

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

Other programme-specific information

LANGUAGE GROUPS FOR SELECTION IN PROGRAMMES

Note: Consult the yearbook for module-specific requirements/prerequisites by searching for the relevant language module.

Module group 1 - Afrikaans

Year level 1

- As a first language: AFR 110, 120
- For speakers of other languages (also for speakers of other languages who are registered for qualifications in education and law) AFR 114

Year level 2

- As a first language: AFR 214, AFR 210, 220
- For students following a programme in education: AFR 214, AFR 220

Year level 3

- As a first language: AFR 311, 321
- For students following a programme in education: Any modules with alpha codes AFR offered at year level 3.

Module group 2 - English

Year level 1

- For special purposes: ENG 118
- For academic purposes: ENG 110, 120

Year level 2

ENG 210, 220



Year level 3

- ENG 310, 320
- ENG 311, 322

Module group 3 - French

Year level 1

- For beginners: FRN 104
- Cultural-professional (for students who have passed French in Grade 12): FRN 113, 123

Year level 2

FRN 211, 221

Year level 3

Cultural-professional: FRN 361, 362, 363, 364

Module group 4 - German

Year level 1

- For beginners: DTS 104
- Cultural-professional (for students who have passed German in Grade 12): DTS 113, 123

Year level 2

DTS 211, 221

Year level 3

Cultural-professional: DTS 361, 362, 363, 364

Module group 5 - Greek

Year level 1

GRK 110, 120

Year level 2

GRK 210, 220

Module group 6 - Hebrew

Year level 1

HEB 110, 120

Year level 2

HEB 210, 220

Module group 7 - Latin

Year level 1

LAT 110, 120 (students who passed Latin in Grade 12 may start immediately with Latin at year level 2)

Year level 2

LAT 210, 220

Year level 3

LAT 310, 320

Module group 8 - IsiNdebele

Year level 1

For speakers of isiNdebele as home language or first or second additional language

NDE 110, AFT 121

Year level 2

NDE 210, AFT 220



Year level 3

NDE 310, AFT 320

Module group 9 - IsiZulu

Year level 1

- For beginners: ZUL 110, 120
- For speakers of isiZulu as home language or first or second additional language: ZUL 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did ZUL 110, 120 at year level 1: ZUL 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121: ZUL 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, ZUL 211

Year level 3

ZUL 310, AFT 320

Module group 10 - Sepedi

Year level 1

- For beginners: SEP 110,120
- For speakers of Sepedi as home language or first or second additional language: SEP 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did SEP 110, 120 at year level 1: SEP 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121, SEP 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, SEP 211

Year level 3

SEP 310, AFT 320

Module group 11 - Setswana

Year level 1

- For beginners: STW 110, 120
- For speakers of Setswana as home language or first or second additional language: STW 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did STW 110, 120 at year level 1: STW 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121, STW 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, STW 211

Year level 3

STW 310, AFT 320

Module group 12 - Spanish

Year level 1

For beginners: SPN 101, 102

Year level 2

SPN 211, 221

Year level 3

SPN 311, 321

Module group 13 - Portuguese

Year level 1

- For beginners: PTG 101
- Portuguese language and culture (for students who have passed Portuguese in Gr 12): PTG 113, 123

Year level 2

PTG 211, 221

Year level 3



PTG 311, 321

Academic literacy

Students with an achievement level of 5 or 6 or 7 for English Home Language or an achievement level of 6 or 7 for English First Additional Language, or the foreign qualification equivalence as per the conversion table, may apply for an exemption from ALL 110 and ALL 125.

Students who are deemed NOT to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take language modules to the value of 12 credits from the other departments.

Students with an achievement level of 4 and below for English Home Language or an achievement level of 5 and below for English First Additional Language or the foreign qualification equivalence must register for ALL 110 and ALL 125.

Department of English

ENG 110 Introduction to literature in English (I)

ENG 120 Introduction to literature in English (II)

ENG 118 English for specific purposes

Departement Afrikaans

AFR 110 Afrikaanse taalkunde en letterkunde

AFR 120 Afrikaanse taalkunde en letterkunde

AFR 114 Afrikaans vir sprekers van ander tale (I)

Department of African Languages

NDE 110 Introduction to isiNdebele grammar – Capita selecta

* Students who want to take isiNdebele in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

ZUL 110 IsiZulu for beginners

ZUL 111 Introduction to isiZulu grammar – Capita selecta

* Students who want to take isiZulu in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

SEP 110 Sepedi for beginners

SEP 111 Introduction to Sepedi Grammar – Capita selecta

* Students who want to take Sepedi in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

STW 110 Setswana for beginners

STW 111 Introduction to Setswana Grammar – Capita selecta

* Students who want to take Setswana in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

Department of Ancient and Modern Languages and Cultures

DTS 104 German for beginners

DTS 113 German: Cultural-professional (1) *Prerequisite: Grade 12 German

FRN 104 French for beginners

FRN 113 French: Cultural-professional (1) *Prerequisite: Grade 12 French

GRK 110 Greek

HEB 110 Hebrew

LAT 110 Latin

PTG 101 Portuguese for beginners

SPN 101 Spanish for beginners



SPN 102 Spanish for beginners



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 122

Elective modules for the first year

Select any three disciplines (subjects) at year level one and do two semester modules from each of these disciplines (to the value of at least 68 credits).

If a language is selected as one of the three disciplines, the information provided under Language Groups should be taken into consideration – see Other programme-specific information.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00

Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Marketing management 120 (BEM 120) - Credits: 10.00

Visual culture studies 111 (VKK 111) - Credits: 12.00

Visual culture studies 121 (VKK 121) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

Introduction to social anthropology 110 (APL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Advanced introduction to social anthropology 120 (APL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Digital marketing 231 (BEM 231) - Credits: 16.00

Drama and film studies 110 (DFK 110) - Credits: 10.00

Drama and film studies 120 (DFK 120) - Credits: 10.00

Introduction to tourism 110 (EFK 110) - Credits: 12.00

Heritage tourism management 120 (EFK 120) - Credits: 12.00

Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00

History 110 (GES 110) - Credits: 12.00

History 120 (GES 120) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 110 (INL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 140 (INL 140) - Credits: 12.00

Theory of religion 110 (REL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Kaleidoscope of religions 120 (REL 120) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 126

Elective modules for the second year

Select any two disciplines (subjects) which were successfully completed at year level one and do both semesters at year level two (to the value of 80 credits). If DFK and /or BEM modules are selected, an additional module must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement of 80.

Core modules

Community arts in practice 210 (SOA 210) - Credits: 6.00

Visual culture studies 211 (VKK 211) - Credits: 20.00

Visual culture studies 221 (VKK 221) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

Sex, culture and society 210 (APL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Anthropology 220 (APL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Consumer behaviour 212 (BEM 212) - Credits: 16.00

Integrated marketing communications 224 (BEM 224) - Credits: 16.00

Drama and film studies 210 (DFK 210) - Credits: 15.00

Drama and film studies 220 (DFK 220) - Credits: 15.00

Tourism and representation 210 (EFK 210) - Credits: 20.00

Community-based tourism 220 (EFK 220) - Credits: 20.00

Contesting modernities 210 (FIL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Philosophy in context 220 (FIL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Aspects of African history 210 (GES 210) - Credits: 20.00

The shaping of a modern South Africa 220 (GES 220) - Credits: 20.00

Information science 230 (INL 230) - Credits: 16.00

Information science 240 (INL 240) - Credits: 16.00

Information science 260 (INL 260) - Credits: 16.00

Dynamics of religion 210 (REL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Ancient religions and health 220 (REL 220) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Elective modules for the third year

Select one discipline (subject) which was successfully completed at year level two and do both semesters at year level three (to the value of 60 credits). If DFK and /or BEM and/or INL modules are selected, an additional module must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement of 60.

Core modules

Visual culture studies 311 (VKK 311) - Credits: 30.00

Visual culture studies 321 (VKK 321) - Credits: 30.00

Elective modules

Decoloniality, Anthropology and Africa 310 (APL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Anthropology 320 (APL 320) - Credits: 30.00

Marketing management 321 (BEM 321) - Credits: 20.00

Drama and film studies 310 (DFK 310) - Credits: 20.00

Drama and film studies 320 (DFK 320) - Credits: 20.00

The South African tourism product 310 (EFK 310) - Credits: 30.00

Current discourses in tourism 320 (EFK 320) - Credits: 30.00

Self and subjectivity 310 (FIL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Philosophy in context 320 (FIL 320) - Credits: 30.00

History 310 (GES 310) - Credits: 30.00

Globalisation, diversity and change 320 (GES 320) - Credits: 30.00

Information science 310 (INL 310) - Credits: 20.00

Information science 340 (INL 340) - Credits: 20.00

Material religion 310 (REL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology of religion 320 (REL 320) - Credits: 30.00

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.



University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.